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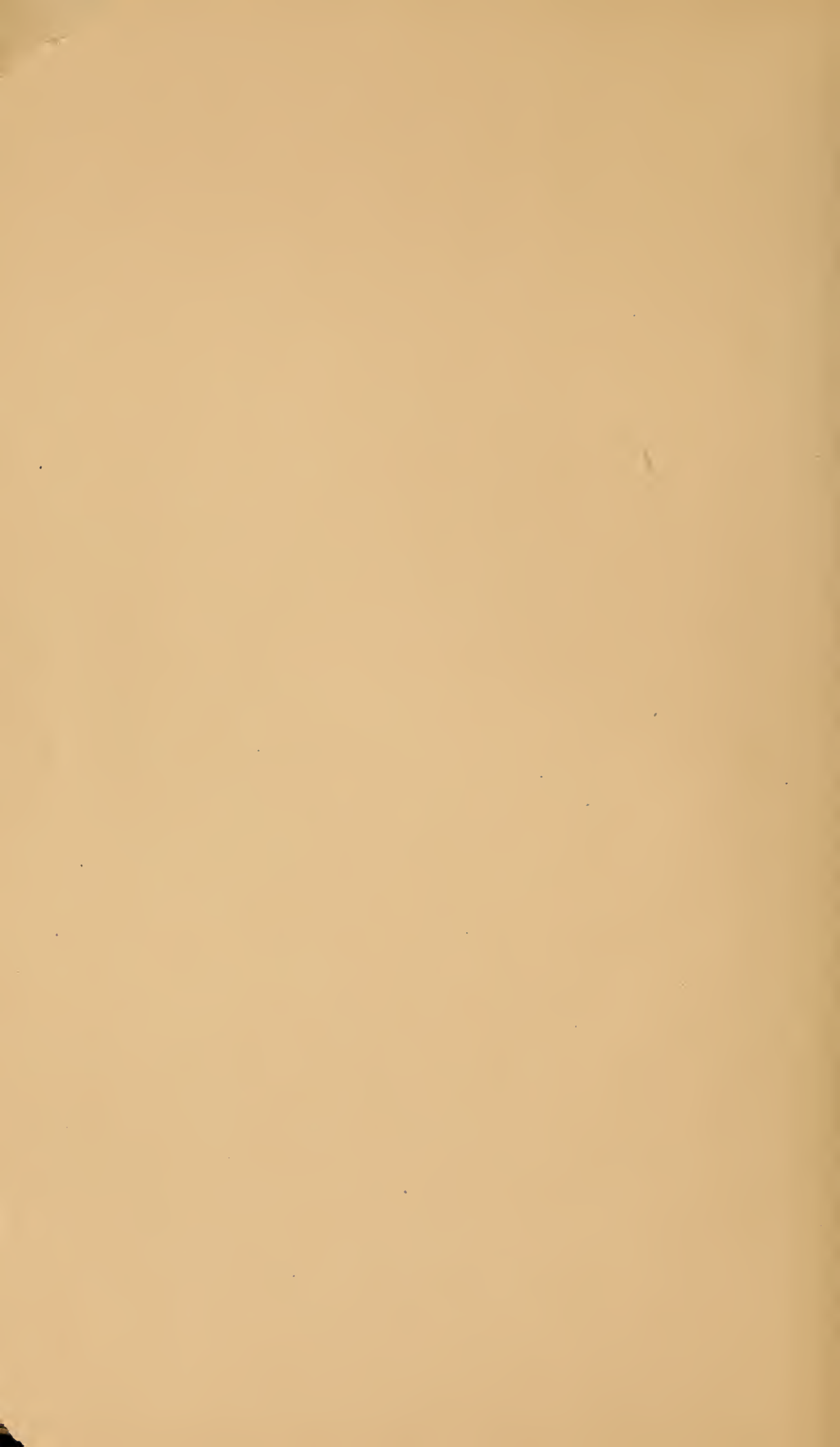


































## THE BROTHERS RALPH AND WILLIAM SPRAGUE AND SOME OF THEIR DESCENDANTS\*

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WE know that Ralph and William Sprague were the sons of Edward Sprague, fuller, and his wife Christian, of Upwey, county Dorset, England, as they are mentioned in his will, dated 16 June 1614. He had altogether six children, three of whom came to America. Of these three, only Ralph and William concern us.

1. RALPH<sup>1</sup> SPRAGUE, eldest son, born in Upwey, co. Dorset; came to Salem, Mass., in 1628, and from there went to Charlestown in 1629. He married JOAN GORDIN, daughter of John of Fordington, co. Dorset.

Children:

3. i. JOHN.<sup>2</sup>
- ii. RICHARD.
- iii. SAMUEL, bapt. in Boston 3 June 1632.
- iv. MARY, bapt. in Charlestown 14 Sept. 1634.
- v. PHINEAS, bapt. 31 (5) 1637.
- vi. JONATHAN, d. Dec. 1650.

2. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> SPRAGUE, youngest son, born in Upwey, co. Dorset; came with his brother in 1628. He married in Charlestown, 1635, MELICENT EAMES, daughter of Anthony, and settled in Hingham in 1636.

Children:

4. i. ANTHONY,<sup>2</sup> bapt. in Charlestown 23 June 1636.
5. ii. JOHN, bapt. in Hingham Apr. 1638.
- iii. SAMUEL, bapt. 24 May 1640.
- iv. JONATHAN, bapt. 20 Mar. 1641-2; d. 4 July 1647.
- v. PERSIS, b. 12 Nov. 1643.
- vi. JOANNA, b. Dec. 1645.
6. vii. JONATHAN, bapt. 28 May 1648.
7. viii. WILLIAM, bapt. 2 July 1650.
- ix. MARY, b. 25 Apr. 1652.
- x. HANNAH, b. 25 Feb. 1654-5; d. Mar. 1658.

3. CAPT. JOHN<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE (*Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) of Charlestown came with his father, and died 25 June 1692, aged 68. He married, 2 May 1651, LYDIA GOFFE, who died 11 Dec. 1715.

Children:

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. 9 Mar. 1651-2.
- ii. LYDIA, m. JOHN GREENLAND.
8. iii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 1656.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 1658-9.
- v. MARY, b. 1661.
- vi. EDWARD.
- vii. PHINEAS, b. 1665-6.

\*In this paper it is the author's purpose to carry on a number of lines of descent heretofore neglected. This necessitates a certain amount of repetition of material in print to the point where these lines are taken up. For a fuller treatment of such generations as are dealt with here in part, see REGISTER, vols. 4, p. 289, 49, p. 264, 51, p. 105; Pope's Pioneers of Mass., p. 428; History of Hingham, vol. 3, pp. 163-183; Wyman's Charlestown, vol. 2, pp. 887-893; Soule's Memoirs of the Sprague Family, pp. 78-97.

- viii. DEBORAH, b. 1670.
- ix. SARAH, b. 1672-3.
- x. HANNAH, b. abt. 1688.

4. ANTHONY<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*<sup>1</sup>), baptized in Charlestown 23 June 1636; died 3 Sept. 1719. He married, 26 Dec. 1661, ELIZABETH BARTLETT, who died 17 Feb. 1712-13, daughter of Robert and Mary (Warren) of Plymouth.

Children, born in Hingham:

- 9. i. ANTHONY,<sup>3</sup> b. 18 Aug. 1663.
- ii. BENJAMIN, b. 16 Aug. 1665; d. 27 Sept. 1690.
- iii. JOHN, b. 30 Sept. 1667; d. 23 Oct. 1690.
- iv. ELIZABETH, b. 5 Sept. 1669; d. 11 Oct. 1690.
- v. SAMUEL, b. 8 Mar. 1671-2.
- vi. SARAH, b. 23 May 1674.
- vii. JAMES, b. 23 Jan. 1677-8.
- viii. JOSIAH, b. 23 Apr. 1680.
- ix. JEREMIAH, b. 24 July 1682.
- 10. x. RICHARD, b. 10 Apr. 1685.
- xi. MATTHEW, b. 27 Mar. 1688.

5. JOHN<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptized in Hingham Apr. 1638, and removed to Mendon, Mass., about 1682. He married, 13 Dec. 1666, ELIZABETH HOLBROOK, daughter of William.

His will, dated Mendon 14 Sept. 1683, names wife Elizabeth, two oldest sons, John and William, youngest son Ebenezer, and four daughters, Elizabeth, Hannah, Melicent, and Persis (Suffolk Co. Probate, vol. 6, p. 691).

Children; the first four born in Hingham, the last four in Mendon:

- i. JOHN,<sup>3</sup> b. 20 July 1669; d. 11 Aug. following.
- 11. ii. JOHN, b. 20 Jan. 1675-6.
- 12. iii. WILLIAM, b. 13 June 1679.
- iv. PERSIS, b. 13 June 1681.
- 13. v. EBENEZER.
- vi. ELIZABETH.
- vii. HANNAH.
- viii. MELICENT.

6. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 28 May 1648, and died in 1741, aged 93. He removed to Smithfield, R. I., and was a member of the Assembly from 1695 to 1714.

He married MEHITABLE HOLBROOK, daughter of William and Elizabeth. The will of William Holbrook of Scituate, Mass., dated 17 July 1699, mentions daughter Mehitable Sprague and her husband Jonathan Sprague (Plymouth Co. Probate, vol. 1, pp. 309-10).

In an agreement, dated Smithfield 29 June 1737, with "his three sons in law, namely William Jenckes, John Teft, and Daniel Brown, by one deed of gift of even date given and granted to them his now dwelling house together with his land, for food and care," etc. (Smithfield Deeds, vol. 1, p. 312). Austin's Genealogical Dictionary, page 189, states that William Jenckes married Patience Sprague, John Teft married Joanna, Daniel Brown married Mary, and Ebenezer Cook married another daughter.

Children:

- 14. i. JONATHAN.<sup>3</sup>
- 15. ii. WILLIAM, b. 1691.



- iii. PATIENCE, m. WILLIAM JENCKES.
- iv. JOANNA, m. JOHN TEFT.
- v. MARY, m. DANIEL BROWN.
- vi. A DAUGHTER, m. EBENEZER COOK.

7. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptized in Hingham 2 July 1650, and removed to Providence, R. I., where he bought land 19 Nov. 1709 (Providence Deeds, vol. 2, p. 149). He deeded land to his son Benjamin 12 Mar. 1715-16 (*Ibid.*, vol. 2, p. 509).

He married first, 30 Dec. 1674, DEBORAH LANE, daughter of Andrew and Triphany, who died 4 Feb. 1706-7; and secondly (intention recorded 5 Nov. 1709) MARY TOWER of Hingham, daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Rowland).

His will, dated 11 Nov. 1723, mentions son William, grandson David [son of David, No. 16] and Sarah Jordan, third son Jonathan, fourth son John, fifth son Benjamin, eldest daughter Deborah Beals, grandchildren Deborah, William, John, and Abiah West [children of William and Abiah (Sprague) West], loving wife Mary, and children born of wife Mary, viz., Rowland, Mary, Peter, and Judith. (Providence Probate, vol. 2, p. 158.)

Children by first wife, born in Hingham:

- i. WILLIAM,<sup>3</sup> b. 24 Dec. 1675.
- ii. DEBORAH, b. 24 Mar. 1677-8.
- iii. JOANNA, b. 15 Feb. 1679-80.
- 16. iv. DAVID, b. 23 Dec. 1683.
- v. JONATHAN, b. 24 July 1686; m. 23 May 1712, LYDIA LEAVITT, dau. of Israel; d. 10 Apr. 1756, aged 69 (Bridgewater Inscriptions, p. 151). In 1746 he was of Stafford, Conn., for, on 19 Apr. 1746, Jonathan Sprague, Junior, of Stafford, conveyed to his honored father Jonathan Sprague late of Bridgewater, Mass., now of Stafford, all his right and title in the estate of his uncle John Sprague, late of Providence (Providence Deeds, vol. B 10, p. 347).
- vi. ABIAH, b. 27 Jan. 1688-9; m. (int. rec. 24 Dec. 1709) WILLIAM WEST of Kingston.
- vii. JOHN, b. 13 Sept. 1692.
- 17. viii. BENJAMIN, b. 3 Jan. 1694-5.

Children by second wife, born in Providence:

- 18. ix. ROWLAND, b. 21 Oct. 1710.
- x. MARY, b. 10 Aug. 1712; m. 27 Sept. 1737, NATHANIEL ARNOLD.
- 19. xi. PETER, b. 1 Oct. 1714.
- xii. JUDITH, m. 3 Jan. 1741, NATHANIEL WATERMAN (R. I. Magazine, vol. 5, p. 200).

8. JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) of Malden was born there Aug. 1656, and died 8 Mar. 1730-1. He married MARY BUNKER, who died 30 July 1714.

Children:

- i. JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup>
- ii. RICHARD, b. 1686.
- iii. LYDIA, m. JOHN GOODWIN.
- iv. JOHN, b. 1689.
- 20. v. JOSEPH, b. 1691.
- vi. NATHAN, b. 1693-4.
- vii. HANNAH (twin), b. 1696.
- viii. MARY (twin), b. 1696.
- ix. DAVID, b. 1698.
- x. BUNKER.
- xi. EUNICE, m. JOSEPH COOK.
- xii. SAMUEL.

9. ANTHONY<sup>8</sup> SPRAGUE (*Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 18 Aug. 1663, and removed to Attleborough, where he was selectman for many years. He and wife MARY of Attleborough convey land in Providence to his uncle William Sprague of Hingham 19 Nov. 1709 (Providence Deeds, vol. 2, p. 149).

His will, dated 13 Jan. 1731, names son Anthony, and daughters Mary, Elizabeth Whipple; Sarah Whitman, Lydia, Marcy Jenckes, and Phebe. (Bristol Co. Probate, vol. 7, pp. 189-191.)

Children :

21. i. ANTHONY.<sup>4</sup>
- ii. MARY.
- iii. ELIZABETH, m. ——— WHIPPLE.
- iv. SARAH, m. 16 Apr. 1720, JOHN WHITMAN.
- v. LYDIA.
- vi. MARCY, m. 14 Feb. 1727, DANIEL JENCKES, JR.
- vii. PHEBE.

10. RICHARD<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 10 Apr. 1685. In 1712 he bought land, with new house upon it, of Thomas Comstock, about ten miles northward from Providence, at a place called Woonsocket (Providence Deeds, vol. 4, p. 115), and shown to be near Branch River and Woonsocket Hill in North Smithfield (Early Records of Providence, vol. 9, p. 29), and was a taxpayer there from 1713 to 1748. He married MARY ———.

His will may be found at Central Falls, R. I., and is dated 14 Aug. 1749. In it he mentions wife Mary, sons Obadiah, Enoch, Amos, and Daniel, and daughters Ruth Whitman, Zerviah Comstock, Abigail, Urania Aldrich, and Lydia. (Old Smithfield Council and Probate Records, vol. 2, pp. 110-114.)

Children :

22. i. OBADIAH,<sup>4</sup> b. 1717.
- ii. ENOCH, m. ELIZABETH ———, but left no issue.
- iii. AMOS, m. 7 Apr. 1745, MERCY COMSTOCK.
- iv. DANIEL.
- v. RUTH, m. ——— WHITMAN.
- vi. ZERVIAH, m. 20 Apr. 1735, AZARIAH COMSTOCK.
- vii. ABIGAIL, m. 15 Mar. 1745-6, SAMUEL CRUFF.
- viii. URANIA, m. 3 Nov. 1741, ABEL ALDRICH.
- ix. LYDIA, m. 31 Aug. 1755, ENOCH WHITE.

11. JOHN<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 20 Jan. 1675-6, and married in Mendon, 13 May 1705, MARY KILLIEAN (Mendon Marriages). They deeded land 10 Feb. 1716 (Suffolk Co. Deeds, vol. 31, p. 169).

12. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 13 June 1679. He married first HANNAH ———; and secondly, in Mendon 4 Nov. 1731, SARAH WHARFIELD.

His will, dated Mendon 24 July 1751, and recorded at Worcester, mentions wife Sarah, sons John and William, and his three daughters Hannah, Margaret Colwell, and Persis Wakeman. *Wakeman*

He deeded land to his sons William and John 18 Aug. 1752. (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 32, pp. 44-45.)

Children by first wife, from Mendon Records :

- i. HANNAH,<sup>4</sup> b. 21 Dec. 1712.
23. ii. JOHN, b. 28 Mar. 1714.

- iii. MARGARET, b. 14 May 1716; m. ——— COLWELL.
- iv. PERSIS, b. 24 July 1718; m. 13 Apr. 1749, NATHANIEL ~~WAKEMAN~~. *Waterman, Jr.*
- 24. v. WILLIAM, b. 5 Aug. 1719.

13. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Mendon, and married in Providence, 12 Jan. 1706, MARY MANN. He sold land in Mendon 30 Jan. 1707-8 (Suffolk Co. Deeds, vol. 31, p. 200).

Children, born in Providence:

- i. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. 1 Mar. 1709.
  - ii. EBENEZER, b. 1 Mar. 1711; m. 2 June 1735, BETHIAH THAYER.
  - 25. iii. DANIEL, b. 1713.
  - iv. SAMUEL, b. 29 Dec. 1715.
14. JONATHAN<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) married first, in Providence, 28 Nov. 1699, BETHIAH MANN, who died 6 Apr. 1712; and secondly, 17 Sept. 1713, HANNAH HAWKINS.
- He deeded land to his son William 29 Dec. 1737. (Smithfield Deeds, vol. 1, p. 326.)

His will, dated 11 May 1757, mentions grandson Eleazer, son of son William deceased, grandson Stephen, son of son Stephen; balance of estate between two sons and two daughters; son Hezekiah named executor. (Smithfield Council and Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 439.)

Children by first wife:

- 26. i. JONATHAN,<sup>4</sup> b. 25 July 1701.
- 27. ii. HEZEKIAH, b. 12 Jan. 1704.
- iii. BETHIAH, b. 24 May 1707.
- iv. ANN, b. 9 Mar. 1709.
- v. MEHITABLE, b. 21 Mar. 1711.

Children by second wife:

- vi. DANIEL, b. 28 Mar. 1712-1713.
- 28. vii. WILLIAM, b. 9 Jan. 1714.
- viii. RACHEL, b. 20 Nov. 1716; m. 10 Jan. 1739, NICHOLAS PECK.
- ix. STEPHEN, b. 9 Jan. 1722.
- x. JOHN, b. 2 Apr. 1727.
- xi. SUSANNA, b. 20 Jan. 1731; m. 1751, JOSEPH HALL, JR.

15. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1691, and died in 1768. He bore the title of captain in 1732. He married first, 16 Sept. 1714, ALES BROWN (History of Worcester Co., vol. 1, p. 43); and secondly, in Smithfield 26 Aug. 1744, Mrs. MARY WALLING.

He deeded land, 7 Dec. 1738, to son Nehemiah of Smithfield (Smithfield Deeds, vol. 1, p. 413); on 15 Dec. 1740 to his beloved son and daughter, Stephen Sly and his wife Sarah Sly, both of Smithfield (*Ibid.*, vol. 2, p. 26); on 20 Dec. 1750 to son Joseph of Smithfield (*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 59); and on 16 May 1755 to son Joshua (*Ibid.*, vol. 3, p. 59).

Children:

- 29. i. NEHEMIAH,<sup>4</sup>
- ii. JOSEPH.
- iii. JOSHUA.
- iv. SARAH, m. STEPHEN SLY. *Oct. 18, 1738,*

16. DAVID<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 23 Dec. 1683, and married, 13 June 1706, SARAH JORDAN of Milton (History of Milton, p., 172).



## Children, born in Hingham :

30. i. DAVID,<sup>4</sup> b. 12 Apr. 1707.
- ii. SARAH, b. 14 Dec. 1708.

17. BENJAMIN SPRAGUE<sup>3</sup> (*William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham 3 Jan. 1694-5, and died 24 Apr. 1788, in his 97th year (*Chronicle*, in the R. I. Historical Society Library). He married in Providence, 11 May 1716, ALICE BUCKLIN.

His estate in Cranston, R. I., was divided 24 Apr. 1792 by his heirs, who gave three deeds of even date. The following notes are from Cranston Deeds (copies) at Providence: On 24 Apr. 1792 Rufus Hawkins conveyed to Jonathan, Nathaniel, and Asa Sprague, Asa representing his deceased father Benjamin Sprague, Jr.'s estate, property that came to him from his father and mother, Edward and Alice Hawkins, which property descended to said Alice from her late grandfather Benjamin Sprague, Sr.'s estate in Cranston (vol. 200, p. 149). On the same date Nathaniel and Asa Sprague, and Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Sprague, Jr., conveyed to Jonathan Sprague; Nathaniel's wife Mary, and Asa's wife Rhobe signing the deed (vol. 200, p. 157). At the same time Jonathan and Nathaniel Sprague conveyed to Asa Sprague; Barbara, wife of Jonathan, and Mary, wife of Nathaniel, signing the deed (vol. 200, p. 187).

## Children :

- i. BENJAMIN,<sup>4</sup> m. ELIZABETH ———. His will is recorded in Cranston, Aug. 1776 (Council and Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 97), and names wife Elizabeth, son-in-law Edward Hawkins, daughter Ellis [Alice] Hawkins, son Asa Sprague.
- ii. JONATHAN, b. abt. 1719; d. in Cranston 8 Oct. 1808, aged 90; m. 20 Jan. 1744, BARBARA CARPENTER, and had two sons: 1. *Jonathan*,<sup>5</sup> d. in Cranston 4 Oct. 1819, aged 74; and his widow, Waite Sprague, d. there 10 May 1822, aged 71. 2. *Stephen*, m. Freelove ———, who, as his widow, d. in Cranston 18 Sept. 1827, aged 70.
- iii. NATHANIEL, m. MARY ———.

18. ROWLAND<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Providence 1 Oct. 1710, and married, 14 Jan. 1745, LYDIA HERNDON.

On 10 Jan. 1745 he conveyed "to my Brother Peter Sprague, one half of that land which was the homestead farm of our Father William Sprague, late of Providence." (Providence Deeds, vol. 11, p. 309.)

## Children :

- i. MARY,<sup>4</sup> b. 28 Oct. 1746.
- ii. WILLIAM, b. 9 Oct. 1748; m. 14 Sept. 1777, HANNAH JENCKES.
- iii. JOHN, m. 24 Sept. 1780, MRS. DELIVERANCE PEARCE.
- iv. CALEB, d. 2 July 1832, aged 78; m. 3 Feb. 1782, LOIS CASSEL; a Revolutionary soldier.

19. PETER<sup>3</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Providence 1 Oct. 1714, and died in Cranston 4 May 1790. He married HANNAH ———.

In his will he names wife Hannah, daughter Amey, grandson Abner, son of son William; son William to be executor (Cranston Council and Probate Records, vol. 3, pp. 45-48). The date of his death is given in the same volume.

## Children :

- i. AMEY.<sup>4</sup>
31. ii. WILLIAM.

20. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) of Cambridge was born in Malden in 1691, and died 12 Mar. 1737-8. He married first, in Cambridge, 30 Nov. 1714, SARAH STEDMAN (First Church Records), who died 29 Jan. 1722; and secondly, 1 Feb. 1727-8, ELEANOR PHIPPS.

Children by first wife :

- i. JOSEPH,<sup>5</sup> d. 1721, aged 6.
- ii. JONATHAN, bapt. 18 Nov. 1716.
- 32. iii. JOHN, b. 4 Dec. (bapt. 7 Dec.) 1718.
- iv. ELEANOR.

21. ANTHONY<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Anthony*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was admitted a freeman in Scituate, R. I., May 1736. He married ANN ———.

His will, dated 7 Feb. 1745, names wife Ann, sons Anthony, Jr., Samuel, Jedediah, and Jonas, and daughters Abigail and Ellis [Alice] (South Scituate Probate Records, vol. 1, pp. 135-137). The will of his widow, Ann Sprague, is dated 20 July 1754 and names sons Jedediah, Jonas, Samuel, and Anthony, Jr., and daughters Abigail Potter and Alles [Alice] Sprague (Glocester (Chepachet), R. I., Records, vol. 1, p. 121).

Children :

- i. ANTHONY.<sup>5</sup>
- 33. ii. SAMUEL.
- 34. iii. JEDEDIAH.
- iv. ABIGAIL.
- v. ELLES (ALICE).
- vi. JONAS.

22. OBADIAH<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Providence in 1717, and died there 12 June 1800, aged 83. He married first, 26 June 1748, SARAH COWEN; and secondly MARY ———.

The name of the second wife, Mary, is taken from a deed (Scituate, R. I., Land Evidences, vol. 6) in which Obadiah Sprague and wife Mary convey land in Scituate, R. I., 29 Mar. 1770. This proves that at least his son Obadiah, who was born 22 Aug. 1770, was the child of his second wife.

His will, dated 11 June 1790, names his sons Richard, Obadiah, Samuel, and Nathaniel Anthony, and daughters Mary, widow of John Demount, Hannah Waterman, the present wife of Rufus Waterman, Sarah, Marcy, Lydia, and Susannah. (Providence Probate, vol. 8, p. 276.)

Children :

- i. RICHARD.<sup>5</sup>
- 35. ii. OBADIAH, b. 22 Aug. 1770.
- 36. iii. SAMUEL.
- iv. NATHANIEL ANTHONY.
- v. MARY, m. JOHN DEMOUNT.
- vi. HANNAH, m. 20 Nov. 1773, RUFUS WATERMAN.
- vii. SARAH.
- viii. MARCY.
- ix. LYDIA.
- x. SUSANNAH.

23. JOHN<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Mendon 28 Mar. 1714 (Mendon Births). He married, 28 Mar. 1764, HANNAH WHITE.

His will, dated Milford, Mass., 2 Aug. 1796, mentions wife Hannah, wife's daughters Tryal White and Chloe Fitts, brother William Sprague, and three sisters, Hannah Sprague, Margaret Colwell, and Persis Waterman. (Worcester Co. Probate.)

24. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*William,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Mendon 5 Aug. 1719 (Mendon Births). He married, Feb. 1748, MARGARET CHENEY.

Child:

- i. JAMES,<sup>5</sup> b. 16 Mar. 1750; m. 26 June 1779, MARY BARTLETT of Newton (Mendon Records).

25. DANIEL<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> John,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Providence 28 Mar. 1713, and died in 1788; resided in Johnston, R. I. He married first, in 1730, SARAH BALLOU; and secondly, about 1736, HANNAH ———.

Children by first wife:\*

- i. NAOMI.<sup>5</sup>  
ii. LUCY.  
iii. DAVID.

Children by second wife:

- iv. JESSE, b. 29 Aug. 1738; m. ESTHER DEXTER; removed to Clarendon, Vt., in 1818.  
37. v. EBENEZER, b. 2 Aug. 1740.  
vi. REUBEN, b. 13 Sept. 1742.  
38. vii. RUFUS, b. 7 Jan. 1745.  
viii. RHODA (twin), b. 14 Sept. 1749.  
ix. ROBY (twin), b. 14 Sept. 1749.  
x. DANIEL, m. 7 Jan. 1781, HANNAH BROWN.

26. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 25 July 1701. He married, 6 Mar. 1727, MARY MOWRY (Smithfield, R. I. Records).

Children:

- i. BETHIAH,<sup>5</sup> b. 5 July, 1729.  
ii. MARY, b. 14 Sept. 1733.  
iii. ABRAHAM, b. 24 Aug. 1737.  
iv. ZIPHA, b. 28 Apr. 1739.  
v. JONATHAN, b. 25 Dec. 1742.  
vi. GIDEON, b. 15 July 1747; m. 27 Mar. 1783, CHLOE SPAULDING.

27. HEZEKIAH<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Providence (now Smithfield) 12 Jan. 1704. He married, 17 Nov. 1725, SARAH SMITH.

Children:

- i. LYDIA,<sup>5</sup> b. 20 Feb. 1726; m. 3 Aug. 1755, ENOCH WHITE.  
ii. RUTH, b. 26 Dec. 1727.  
iii. ANN, b. 11 Jan. 1730.  
iv. HADASSAH, b. 2 June 1732; m. 21 Oct. 1750, STEPHEN ANGELL, JR.  
v. MEHITABLE, b. 7 Mar. 1735. m. *Rushant Angell, she d. 17*  
vi. HEZEKIAH, b. 14 July 1737; m. 8 May 1767, MARY BALLOU.  
vii. JOSEPH, b. 15 Jan. 1739.  
viii. SARAH, b. 15 Mar. 1742; m. 9 Apr. 1760, STEPHEN WILKINS.  
ix. MERCY, b. 12 Mar. 1745; m. 16 Oct. 1763, WILLIAM HARRIS.  
x. ABIGAIL, b. 22 Feb. 1748.

\* The names of the first wife and her three children are taken from notes of Dwight H. Kelton, Esq., of Montpelier, Vt.; those of the children by the second wife are from R. I. records.



28. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 9 Jan. 1714, and died 16 July 1751. He was called junior in the records to distinguish him from his uncle Capt. William Sprague, who was living in Smithfield at the same time.

He married in Smithfield, 10 Apr. 1738, REBECCA BALLOU, who is mentioned as settling his estate 18 Sept. 1751 (Smithfield Council and Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 56).

Children, born in Smithfield:

- i. MARTHA,<sup>5</sup> b. 12 Feb. 1739.
- ii. RUTH, b. 22 May 1741.
- iii. ELEAZER, b. 19 Nov. 1743.

29. NEHEMIAH<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*,<sup>3</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Smithfield. He married, 16 Apr. 1738, MARY BROWN.

Children:

- i. NEHEMIAH,<sup>5</sup> m. 26 May 1770, ALICE BASSETT of Gloucester, R. I.
- ii. ELIAS, b. 16 June 1744; d. in Douglas, Mass., 15 Feb. 1799; m. ~~MARY BASSETT~~. The names of his children may be found in the Douglas records. He had a son *Jonathan*<sup>6</sup> who m. in Smithfield, 12 Aug. 1785, Patience Pidgley.

30. DAVID<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*David*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Hingham, 12 Apr. 1707, removed to Scituate, R. I., and died in Exeter, R. I., in 1777. He married in Providence, 7 Nov. 1728, EXPERIENCE CRANDALL.

Children:

- i. SOLOMON,<sup>5</sup> b. 2 Apr. 1730; m. 3 Jan. 1750, ISABEL REYNOLDS.
- ii. DAVID, b. 11 Mar. 1731-2; d. in Greenwich, Washington Co., N. Y., 22 Dec. 1821, aged 90. He had twenty-one children—ten by his first marriage, and eleven by his second—eight sons and thirteen daughters (Arnold's Vital Records, vol. 14, p. 299).
- iii. SARAH, b. 16 Mar. 1733-4.
- iv. ESTHER, b. 4 May 1736.
- v. EXPERIENCE, b. 20 Oct. 1738.
- vi. LYDIA, b. 13 Mar. 1740-1.
- vii. JEREMY, b. 4 July 1743.
- viii. ABIGAIL.
- ix. JOSEPH, b. 12 Mar. 1746.

31. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> SPRAGUE (*Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) married first, 22 Dec. 1775, ISABEL WATERMAN; and secondly, 3 Mar. 1782, PATIENCE WATERMAN.

His will, dated Cranston, 29 Dec. 1794, names wife Patience, sons Abner and William, daughter Sarah, wife of Nicholas Randall, and son Peter. (Cranston Council and Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 163.)

Children:

- i. ABNER,<sup>5</sup> m. 5 Jan. 1795, MARY POTTER.
- ii. WILLIAM.
- iii. SARAH, m. NICHOLAS RANDALL.
- iv. PETER.

32. JOHN<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Cambridge, 4 Dec. (bapt 7 Dec.) 1718 (First Church Records, p. 89), and died in Dedham, Mass., 29 May 1797. He was a doctor.

He married first (intention recorded in Boston 28 Feb. 1744) ELIZABETH DELHONDE; and secondly widow ESTHER HARRISON, who died 7 Oct. 1811. He was appointed guardian of his three chil-

dren 27 May 1757, after the death of his first wife, their mother, they being her heirs and under fourteen years of age.

Children by first wife :

- i. LAWRENCE,<sup>6</sup> m. 3 Sept. 1804, SARAH TITCOMB of Newburyport. He graduated at Harvard College in 1768, and became a physician.
- 40. ii. EDWARD.
- 41. iii. JOHN.

33. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Anthony*,<sup>4</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, R. I., and married in Smithfield, 24 Mar. 1745, JERUSHA MITCHELL.

Children, born in Gloucester, R. I. (Gloucester Births, p. 50) :

- i. ANDREW,<sup>6</sup> b. 10 Nov. 1745 ; d. young.
- ii. PETER, b. 20 Mar. 1746[-7?].
- iii. ELISHA, b. 12 Feb. 1748.
- iv. ANN, b. 2 June 1751.
- v. ANDREW, b. 6 Apr. 1753.
- vi. AMASA, b. 28 Feb. 1758.

34. JEDEDIAH<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Anthony*,<sup>4</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Scituate, R. I., and married FREELOVE ———. His will, dated Gloucester, R. I., 17 Oct. 1810, mentions wife Free love and the seven children named below.

Children :

- i. MIRABA,<sup>6</sup> m. 3 Jan. 1788, EZEKIEL WHIPPLE.
- ii. ALEC (ALICE), m. REUBEN WHIPPLE.
- iii. JOHN.
- iv. JEDEDIAH, m. 18 Jan. 1827, JOANNA B. HOLMES.
- v. JONAS.
- vi. JENCKES.
- vii. ANTHONY, m. 1 Jan. 1802, LYDIA ROSS.

35. OBADIAH<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Obadiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Providence 22 Aug. 1770, and died in Richmond, N. H., in 1858, aged 88. He married first, 10 Apr. 1794, BETSEY MANN, who died 7 Apr. 1815, daughter of Gideon ; and secondly widow ANNA (MALLARD) GODDARD.

Children by first wife :

- i. ENOCH<sup>6</sup> (twin), b. 18 Sept. 1795.
- ii. HANNAH (twin), b. 18 Sept. 1795.
- 42. iii. SAMUEL, b. 22 Nov. 1797.
- iv. SARAH, b. 24 Feb. 1799.
- v. MARCY, b. 15 Mar. 1805 ; m. ORACE CASS.

Children by second wife :

- vi. NATHANIEL, b. 16 Sept. 1817 ; removed to Taunton, Mass.
- vii. OBADIAH, b. 19 Apr. 1819.

36. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Obadiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) married RUTH ———. His will, dated Gloucester, R. I., 6 Dec. 1778, mentions wife Ruth and the children named below.

Children :

- i. RICHARD,<sup>6</sup> b. 15 June 1743.
- ii. RUTH.
- iii. MARY.
- iv. LYDIA.
- v. HANNAH.
- vi. MARCY.
- vii. PELEG.
- viii. EBENEZER.

- ix. BOOMER, m, SARAH ———. His estate was settled 3 Feb. 1815.
- x. SAMUEL, d. 27 Oct. 1786; m. ELIZABETH ———.
- xi. JEREMIAH, m. 1792, ABIGAIL RANDALL, widow of Nehemiah.
- xii. STEPHEN.

37. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 2 Aug. 1740, and married MELICENT ———. His will is dated Johnston, R. I., 30 Oct. 1810, and mentions wife Melicent and the nine children given below (Johnston Probate, vol. 4, p. 287).

Children :

- i. DARCASE (DORCAS),<sup>6</sup> b. 16 Sept. 1761; m. ——— LYNDENBURGER.
- ii. PHEBE, b. 5 Sept. 1763; m. 8 Jan. 1786, JOSEPH COWING.
- iii. STEPHEN, b. 10 Aug. 1765.
- iv. SOLOMON, b. 24 May 1767.
- v. SALLY LUCY, b. 24 Nov. 1769; m. ——— KILTON.
- vi. AMY, b. 25 Dec. 1771; m. ——— WILLIAMS.
- vii. AVIS, b. 21 Jan. 1774; m. ——— CLEMENCE.
- viii. EBENEZER, b. 27 July 1778; m. 27 Aug. 1804, HANNAH BOWEN.
- ix. MELICENT, b. 1 May 1781; m. ——— SHELDON.

38. RUFUS<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born 13 Sept. 1742, and married ROSANNAH ———. His will, dated Johnston, R. I., 2 Sept. 1794, names wife Rosannah and the fourteen children given below.

Children :

- i. JUDAH.<sup>6</sup>
- ii. DIADAMY (DEODAMIA).
- iii. SARAH.
- iv. ROSABELLOW (ROSABELLA).
- v. ANNA.
- vi. POLLY.
- vii. ROSANNAH.
- 43. viii. JOSEPH.
- ix. RUFUS, m. 2 June 1805, ELIZABETH RANDALL of Scituate, R. I.
- x. GEORGE, b. 18 Aug. 1786.
- xi. PARDON.
- xii. EZEKIEL.
- xiii. SYLVESTER, m. 21 Oct. 1806, ELIZABETH GILMORE.
- xiv. WELCOME.

39. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> SPRAGUE (*William*,<sup>4</sup> *Peter*,<sup>3</sup> *William*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Cranston, 5 June 1773, and married ANN POTTER of that place.

His will, dated 20 Jan. 1834, names brother Peter, daughter Almira Rice, grandchildren George, Amey, Ann, Brockholt, and Rollin Matthewson, children of my daughter Susannah, sons Benoni, William, and Amasa.

Children :

- i. ALMIRA,<sup>6</sup> m. ——— RICE.
- ii. SUSANNAH, m. ——— MATTHEWSON.
- iii. BENONI.
- iv. WILLIAM.
- v. AMASA.

40. EDWARD<sup>6</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) died 16 Dec. 1817. Pastor of the Congregational Church in Dublin, N. H., 1777-8. He married first, 24 Sept. 1769, MARTHA HILL; and secondly, 26 Sept. 1778, Mrs. HANNAH FITCH.

41. \*JOHN<sup>6</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>5</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) was a physician in Dedham. He married REBECCA ~~Adams~~, who died 2 July 1813, aged 58. His estate was divided 7 Jan. 1801, mention being

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made of the six children living and the heirs of Esther Sweet and Elizabeth Sweet.

Children :

- i. CHARLES HARRISON.<sup>7</sup>
  - ii. ESTHER, bapt. 2 Aug. 1792; \* m. ——— SWEET.
  - iii. JONATHAN, m. ANN ———.
  - iv. LAWRENCE, bapt. 8 Mar. 1795.
  46. v. HORATIO, bapt. 28 Dec. 1798.
  - vi. REBECCA, bapt. 28 Dec. 1798; d. 8 June 1820; m. 6 July 1809, Capt. Abraham Eustis, U.S.A.
  - vii. SARAH CHAMBERS, bapt. 28 Dec. 1798; m. 28 Jan. 1806, JOHN MA'GUIRE.
  - viii. ELIZABETH, bapt. 8 Mar. 1795; m. ——— SWEET.
42. SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> SPRAGUE (*Obadiah*,<sup>5</sup> *Obadiah*,<sup>4</sup> *Richard*,<sup>3</sup> *Anthony*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Richmond, N. H., 22 Nov. 1797, and died 28 Sept. 1881, aged 84. He married, Dec. 1822, MELINDA KINGMAN, who died 26 Mar. 1874, daughter of Benjamin of Winchester.

Children :

- i. LEANDER,<sup>7</sup> b. in Richmond, N. H., 4 Jan. 1824; now living in Boston; m. 2 Dec. 1852, ELIZABETH WILSON and removed to Fitchburg. Representative to the Mass. Legislature.
  - ii. OBADIAH, b. 21 May 1826; lives in New York City.
  - iii. ANGELIA, b. 25 Jan. 1830.
  - iv. JULIETTE, b. Oct. 1832.
  - v. SAMUEL HENRY, b. 2 Mar. 1841; d. 18 Aug. 1863; lived in Keene, N. H. He was a lieutenant in a N. H. regiment in the Civil War.
43. JOSEPH<sup>6</sup> SPRAGUE (*Rufus*,<sup>5</sup> *Daniel*,<sup>4</sup> *Ebenezer*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Johnston, R. I., and married SARAH ———. His will, dated 11 Feb. 1802, names wife Sarah, son Charles Sampson, brother Sylvester, and honored father, Rufus Sprague (Johnston Probate, vol. 4, p. 54).
- Child :
- i. CHARLES SAMPSON.
46. HORATIO<sup>7</sup> SPRAGUE (*John*,<sup>6</sup> *John*,<sup>5</sup> *Joseph*,<sup>4</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *Ralph*<sup>1</sup>) was baptized 28 Dec. 1798. He was living in Gibraltar in 1815, and died there in 1848, having been appointed U. S. Consul by President Jackson 30 Apr. 1832.†

Children :

- i. HORATIO,<sup>8</sup> b. at Gibraltar 12 Aug. 1823; d. 18 July 1901. His wife was from New York, and d. in 1877. He was appointed by President Polk, May 1848, to succeed his father as Consul, holding that office for fifty-three years, and was also made Consular Agent at Algeciras in 1854. He was succeeded by his son Richard,<sup>9</sup> the present Consul at Gibraltar, besides whom he had two sons and three daughters.
- ii. HELOISE MARY, m. 28 Nov. 1849, THOMAS C. REYNOLDS of Richmond, Va.
- iii. VICTORINE F., m. CHARLES HOMER of Boston, of Homer & Sprague India Wharf; had four children.
- iv. A DAUGHTER, living in Baltimore, Md.
- v. A SON, living in New York City.

\*The dates of baptism are taken from The Records of the Episcopal Church in Stoughton, REGISTER, vol. 46, pp. 14, 133.

†The particulars concerning Horatio<sup>7</sup> Sprague and his descendants are taken from the *Boston Sunday Herald* for 15 May 1898, and the *Globe*, 1900.

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